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November 12, 2021

Kelly Bacon
Kittitas County Community Development
411 N. Ruby St., Suite 2
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Re: SEPA Register 202105787, LL-21-00002

Dear Kelly Bacon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment during the Optional Determination of Non Significance process for the Large Lot Subdivision of 164 acres into 8 lots, proposed by Nick Zito and Kathleen Kelleher. We have reviewed the documents and have the following comments.

WATER QUALITY

Dividing or platting of a piece of property is often the first step in a proposed development. An NPDES Construction Stormwater Permit may be required if a subsequent individual or common plan of development that has potential for stormwater discharge from a construction site with disturbed ground. Ground disturbance includes all utility placements and building or upgrading existing roads. The process requires going through SEPA, developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan, submitting an application and a 30 day public notice process. This may take 45-60 days. A permit and a stormwater plan are required prior to beginning ground-breaking activities. Please contact **Wendy Neet** with the Department of Ecology, (509) 454-7277 or wendy.neet@ecy.wa.gov, with questions about this permit.

WATER RESOURCES

In Washington State, prospective water users must obtain authorization from the Department of Ecology before diverting surface water or withdrawing ground water, with one exception. Ground water withdrawals of up to 5,000 gallons per day used for single or group domestic supply, industrial purposes, stock watering or for the irrigation of up to one-half acre of lawn and garden are exempt from the permitting process. Water use under the RCW 90.44.050 exemption establishes a water right that is subject to the same privileges, restrictions, laws and regulations as a water right permit or certificate obtained directly from Ecology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gwen Clear".

Gwen Clear
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